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SUBJECT: Puchack Wellfield (NJD981084767)  
& Camden Municipal Wells (NJD980769087)FROM: Ben Conetta *Ben Conetta*  
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In a 1993 memo to the file (see attached), the Puchack Wellfield and Camden Municipal Wells sites were identified as aliases of seven other sites in the Camden area. The rationale at the time was that Puchack and Camden Municipal were not sources of contamination but most likely targets affected by those seven other sites. The state has continued to investigate this area, but has not identified the actual sources of contamination for the Puchack and Camden Municipal Wells sites (although some potential sources may have been identified, none have been identified as definitively causing the contamination). As a result, Puchack and Camden will not be considered aliases of those sites and will be evaluated separately. Accordingly, the CERCLIS database has been corrected and the site assessment activities (PA, SI, and/or SIP) undertaken at the sites have been re-incorporated into the site histories.

Note that in a 1985 PA report, the Puchack Wellfield site had been identified as an alias of Camden Municipal Wells. However, the Camden Municipal site deals predominately with the Morris-Delair Wellfield. Furthermore, the sites have been evaluated separately by the NJDEP in the past and should continue to be evaluated separately by EPA.

This summary will also serve as a correction to the December 1994 SIP for the Puchack site, which reiterated that the site was an alias of other sites in the Camden area. In addition, the Swope Oil NPL site has not been shown to be the source of the contamination at the Puchack Wellfield site, nor is Puchack being remediated as part of any actions being undertaken at the Swope site.